

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the herein-contained amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 4, 8 and 15-18 will have been amended, with claims 1-22 remaining pending in the application. By the present amendment claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended to change “second temperature” to ---second critical temperature--- to render this limitation consistent throughout the claims; claims 8 and 15 have been amended to change “first temperature” to ---first critical temperature--- to render this limitation consistent throughout the claims; claims 17 and 18 have been amended to change “said temperature” to ---said predetermined temperature--- to render this limitation consistent throughout the claims; claim 4 has been amended to insert a comma ---,--- between “microcapsules” and “and” to correct a grammatical error; and claim 16 has been amended to insert ---in--- after “contained” to correct a grammatical error.

Applicant respectfully submits that the entry of the above amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 since it does not require an additional search or examination, since it is made merely to render terms consistent throughout the claims or to correct a grammatical error, and since no new matter is contained therein.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to exercise his discretion and approve the present amendment for entry under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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